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REMARKS

This response is filed to place the above-referenced case in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant has amended the claims to correct the typographical errors made in the previous amendment. Specifically, claims 19-23, 25-29, and 31, have been amended to correct the wrong numbering used in the previous amendment, which led to all of the newly submitted dependent claims to be dependent upon previously canceled claims. As of now, none of the currently pending claims depend on previously canceled claims. No new matter has been added.

In response to Examiner's election/restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects without traverse Claim 18, and all claims dependent thereupon, namely, claims 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, for further prosecution on the merits.

In view of the above amendments and election, the Examiner is respectfully requested to begin substantive review of this application. It is now believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone or other conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the present application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or

other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant at (323) 850-6928.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 17, 2004

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